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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: ECUADOREAN SUBSECRETARY OF
GOVERNMENT, DR. ESTRELLAS

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1. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 2 OF REFTTEL REGARDING MINISTRY OF
GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO EQUIP THE POLICE FORCE WITH CHEVROLET
VEHICLES, WHEN I LAST SAW MINGOV POVEDA ON AUGUST 15 HE
MENTIONED TO ME HIS DESIRE TO STANDARDIZE ON AMERICAN VEHI-
CLES AND SAID THAT IF THIS COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY DONE IT MIGHT
LEAD TO SIMILAR STANDARDIZATION FOR THE ARMED FORCES. ONE
SWALLOW DOES NOT A SUMMER MAKE, BUT POVEDA SEEMS TO BE CARRY-
ING OUT HIS INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO AMERICAN VEHICLES FOR THE
POLICE, AND AS THE SECOND MAN IN THIS GOVERNMENT HE IS IN A GOOD
POSITION TO INFLUENCE ARMED FORCES PURCHASES AS WELL.

2. I HOPE WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL ENCOURAGE CHEVROLET TO
RESPOND FULLY AND PROMPTLY TO MINGOV'S REQUEST. IT WOULD BE
GOOD TO SEE SOMETHING OTHER THAN DATSUNS, TOYOTAS, AND MER-
CEDES AROUND HERE.

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